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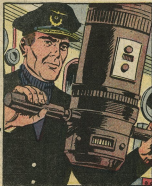
TYPE XXI

SHE WAS THE LAST DESPERATE TRUMP CARD OF THE UNDERWATER ARM OF THE NAZI NAVY. IF HER DESIGNERS' CLAIMS PROVED TO BE TRUE, THE ALLIES WOULD PAY DEARLY FOR THE TERRIBLE TOLL THEY HAD TAKEN ON THE OLD TYPE U-BOATS! THIS WAS APRIL, 1945... AND THE U251, THE FIRST OF THE TYPE XXI NAZI SUBS WAS STARTING OUT ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE.



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KORNETTEN-KAPTAN SCHNEE, IN COMMAND FOR THE TEST RUN, HAD SUNK 200,000 GROSS TONS OF ALLIED SHIPPING WITH AN OLD TYPE U-BOAT! WHAT WOULD HE DO NOW, WITH THIS DREAM BOAT AT HIS DISPOSAL? HE SMILED GRIMLY...



...AS HE RECALLED THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR WHEN DEFEAT HAD SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE, AND NAZI U-BOATS HAD BEEN THE SCOURGE OF THE SEA...



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BUT THEN HIS SMILE FADED AS HE RECALLED HONK WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF RADAR BY THE ENEMY, THE TIDE HAD TURNED! WHEREAS ONLY 57 U-BOATS HAD BEEN LOST IN THE TWO YEAR PERIOD OF 1940-41... 435 HAD GONE TO THE BOTTOM IN 1943-44...



IN MAY, 1943, GROSSADMIRAL DONITZ HAD MET IN BERLIN WITH THE COUNTRY'S TOP SCIENTISTS...

WE MUST HAVE A SAFEGUARD AGAINST RADAR! YOU HEAR ME? WE MUST DEVELOP A DEVICE TO COUNTERACT THE ALLIES' RADIO DETECTION DEVICE!



THE SCIENTISTS HAD ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSION / THEIR NEW DEVICE HAD ENABLED THE U-BOATS TO KNOW WHEN RADAR WAS BEING USED ON THEM... SO THEY COULD MAKE DEEP DIVES IN TIME TO ESCAPE DESTRUCTION...

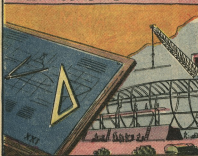


BUT THEN... WE ARE NO BETTER OFF THAN BEFORE! AT SUCH DEPTHS, OUR U-BOATS ARE SLOW AND CLUMSY!

OUR BATTERIES RUN DOWN IN A SINGLE HOUR, AND WE MUST SURFACE TO RE-CHARGE THEM! WE NEED MORE THAN JUST AN ANTI-RADAR DEVICE... WE NEED A WHOLE NEW U-BOAT!



AND SO THE SCIENTISTS AND THE NAVAL ARCHITECTS HAD BENT OVER THEIR DRAWING BOARDS AGAIN -- AND IN 1944 THE SHIPYARDS HAD BEGUN TO BUILD TYPE XXI...



ALTHOUGH HAMPERED BY ROYAL AIR FORCE BOMBINGS... THE BUILDING PROGRAM HAD CONTINUED...

THEY CANNOT DESTROY EVERY SHIPYARD, AND EVERY SHIPYARD BUILDS NOTHING BUT TYPE XXI'S NOW!



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IF HER DESIGNERS' CLAIMS PROVED TO BE TRUE, TYPE XXI WOULD BE THE PERFECT SUBMARINE THAT EVERY U-BOAT COMMANDER HAD ALWAYS DREAMED OF...

HER SPEED UNDERWATER WILL BE 17 KNOTS, AS COMPARED TO 4 KNOTS OF THE OLD U-BOATS, AND WITH THREE TIMES AS MANY BATTERIES, SHE WILL BE ABLE TO STAY BELOW INDEFINITELY.

THE SNORKEL WILL CARRY AIR TO HER WHILE SHE RECHARGES HER BATTERIES UNDERWATER.

HER MOTOR WILL WORK SILENTLY! WE HAVE DESIGNED HER PROPELLORS SO THEY WILL CAUSE MINIMUM DISTURBANCE IN THE WATER... AND SO SHE WILL BE ABLE TO APPROACH AN ENEMY CONVOY WITHOUT BEING DETECTED.



AND AT LAST...

WE HAVE 12 TYPE XXI'S READY, SCHNEE, AND 86 CREWS HAVE BEEN TRAINED. YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH DEPENDS ON THIS MAIDEN VOYAGE OF THE U251, DO YOU NOT?



ALL THIS FLASHED THROUGH THE MIND OF KORNETTEN-KAPITAN SCHNEE IN APRIL 1945 AS HE PLOTTED A COURSE THAT WOULD TAKE HIM OUT TO THE WEST ATLANTIC! AND HE SMILED GRIMLY AGAIN...

I AM CERTAIN, I FEEL IN MY BONES THIS TEST RUN WILL BE SUCCESSFUL... AND WE WILL BE THE SCOURGE OF THE SEA AGAIN!



TIME PASSED SLOWLY AS THE U251 KEPT MOVING WESTWARD. HER CRUISING PERFORMANCE WAS REMARKABLE...



THREE MORE DAYS HAD PASSED...

INCREDIBLE! WE HAVE CRUISED FOR DAYS WITHOUT ONCE BEING FORCED TO SURFACE TO RECHARGE OUR BATTERIES!

IF ONLY WE HAD SUCH A SUBMARINE IN 1944... THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT, EH?



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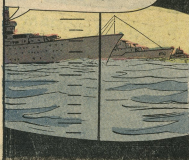
THEY HAD BEEN STAND-
ING LIMPLY. THEIR FACES
DRAWN AND HAGGARD,
AS IF THE TERRIBLE
BURDEN OF THIS TEST
RUN HAD ALREADY
BEGUN TO SAP THEIR
MORAL FIBER! BUT NOW
THEY ALL SPRANG
INTO ACTION,
LIKE MEN AROUSED
FROM A STUPOR...

RISE TO PERISCOPE DEPTH!
MAN BATTLE STATIONS!



GASP!

A BRITISH CRUISER AND THREE
DESTROYERS! AND THEY HAVE
NOT DETECTED US!



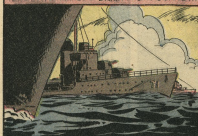
CRUISING AT SILENT SPEED, THE U29
CREPT CLOSER AND CLOSER...



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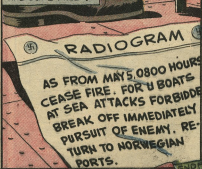
ON THE SURFACE, THE BRITISH NAVAL GROUP CRUISED CALMLY, TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE 'SEA WOLF' LURKING IN THEIR MIDST ... NEVER DREAMING THAT EVEN THEN THE CREW OF THE U291 WERE STANDING BY TENSELY, STRANGELY DRIVEN AND HAGGARD ...



... AS THEY HOPELESSLY AWAITED THE FIRE ORDER THAT WOULD NEVER COME ...



THIS WAS APRIL 1945 ... THE END OF THE WAR HAD COME FIRST!

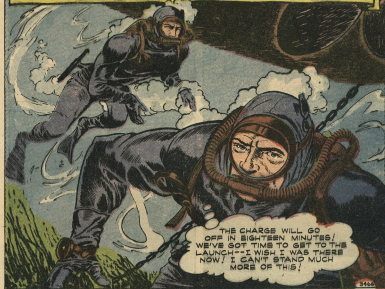


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THEY'D STUDIED BLUEPRINTS OF THE HEAVY CRUISER--THE TWO FROGMEN PLACED THE UNDERWATER DEMOLITION CHARGES PRECISELY BENEATH THE MAGAZINE OF THE ITALIAN CRUISER RIDING SERENELY AT ANCHOR, SAFE INSIDE A LANDLOCKED HARBOR! ONE MAN, LT. BEESON, U.S.N., SEEMED NERVOUS... THE OTHER, SP. VC FINS BELARDI, SEEMED CALM... BUT HE WASN'T! HE LIVED IN FEAR OF THE...

SILENT ENEMY



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A FAST PICKUP BOAT SNARES AND FLIPS THE MEN ABOARD...

NO ONE SPOTTED US YET!
YOU OKAY, FINS?

YEAH, I'LL
BE ALL RIGHT!
THE SHAKING
WILL STOP--IT
ALWAYS DOES!



I SWEAT BLOOD EVERY
TIME WE... THERE SHE
GOES! WE GOT HER!



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THE TWO FROGMEN, INITIALLY TRAINED FOR UNDERWATER DEMOLITION WORK, WORKED FROM A DESTROYER! BACK ON BOARD, THEY REPORTED TO CAPT. MIGGS!



THE WATER MUST'VE BEEN COLDER THAN WE THOUGHT! YOU'RE SHAKING, FINS!

IT WASN'T THE WATER, CAPTAIN!

WHATEVER IT WAS, IT DIDN'T KEEP YOU TWO FROM DOING YOUR JOB!



IT WORKED JUST AS WE PLANNED! AS I SAID BEFORE, FROGMEN CAN GET INTO PLACES WE CAN'T TOUCH WITH PLANES OR SHIPS!



YOU FROGMEN HAVE YOUR LIMITATIONS, LIEUTENANT! YOU COULDN'T WRECK THE SUBMARINE BASE AT KIEL FOR US FOR INSTANCE! IT TAKES PLANES TO DO THAT!

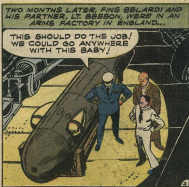


NO-BUT PLANES BOMB... AND THE BOMBS BOUNCE OFF THE STEEL AND CONCRETE ROOFS THEY'VE BUILT TO SHELTER THE SUBS! IF THEY COULD GUIDE THE BOMBS IN UNDER THOSE ROOFS, THEY'D DO SOME GOOD!



NO ONE CAN DO THAT, FINS!

FROGMEN COULD, SIR! IF THE PLANES DELIVERED A CERTAIN KIND OF BOMB, WE COULD DO THE REST!



TWO MONTHS LATER, FINS BELARDI AND HIS PARTNER, LT. BEESON, WERE IN AN ARMS FACTORY IN ENGLAND...

THIS SHOULD DO THE JOB! WE COULD GO ANYWHERE WITH THIS BABY!

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YOU GENTLEMEN TOLD US WHAT YOU WANTED! WE THINK WE'VE GIVEN IT TO YOU!

IT'S FINE IDEA! IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH HIM, IT'S FINE WITH ME!

THE TWO FROGMEN SUPERVISED DELIVERY OF THE THREE SPECIALLY BUILT BOMBS TO AN AIRFIELD IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND...

LET ME SEE IF I'VE GOT IT STRAIGHT! I'LL DROP MY LOAD IN DEEP WATER NEAR THE FREIGHTER MOORED AT THE HARBOR ENTRANCE!

RIGHT! THE OTHER TWO WILL BE DROPPED IN OPEN WATER NEAR THE SUB PENS! WE'LL TAKE THEM OVER AFTER THAT!

THEY'LL DROP THE BOMBS TOMORROW NIGHT, SIR! IS THE DESTROYER READY?

YES WE'RE LEAVING AT ONCE!

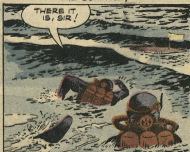
THE DESTROYER CROPT THROUGH THE NORTH SEA, THEN STOPPED ENGINES OFF SHORE! THE FROGMEN WENT THE REST OF THE WAY ALONE...

WE'LL TIE THE RAFT NEAR THE BREAKWATER--WE CAN SWIM FROM THERE! THE BOMBERS WILL BE OVER SOON!

THE BRITISH LANCASTERS DELIVERED THE SPECIALLY BUILT 'BOMBS' RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FAILED TO TURN THEM BACK...

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THE CHUTES DROPPED OFF WHEN THEY HIT THE WATER--THE 'BOMBS' WERE ENGINEERED TO FLOAT JUST BENEATH THE SURFACE!



I'LL SET IT TO RUN SLOW AHEAD-- WE CAN GUIDE IT INSIDE THE SUBMARINE SHEDS!



THAT'S ABOUT DUE--IT'S NOT HEALTHY BEING IN THE WATER THIS CLOSE!

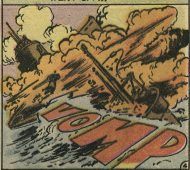


FORTY-ONE U-BOATS WERE TIED UP THERE IN THE KIEL SUBMARINE SHEDS! NO ONE SPOTTED THE FROGMEN AND THEIR WEIRD BOMB!

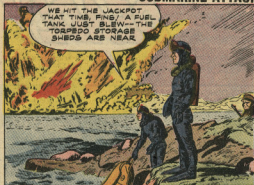
THERE THEY ARE--WHEN THIS BOMB GOES OFF, IT'LL GET THE TORPEDOES ABOARD THE SUBB! SET IT SLOW AHEAD--WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



A MOMENT LATER, THE BOMB WENT OFF...



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THE NAZI SENTRIES, ALERTED BY THE DISASTROUS EXPLOSIONS, DISCOVERED THE FROGMEN A MOMENT LATER...



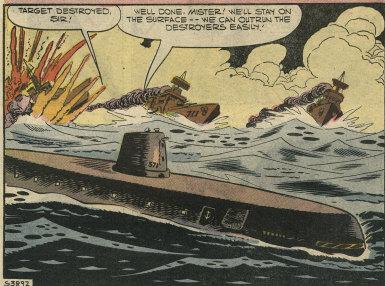
LATER ABOARD THE DESTROYER...



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DEEP and DEADLY

THE GREATEST ADVANCE IN SUBMARINE WARFARE OF ALL TIME WAS BEGUN IN 1952 WHEN THE KEEL OF NAUTILUS WAS LAID IN THE ELECTRIC BOAT COMPANY YARD IN NEW LONDON. MUCH WAS EXPECTED OF HER ... BUT, COMPLETED TWO YEARS LATER, SHE SURPASSED HER BUILDERS' FONDEST DREAMS ...



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"WE'RE MAKING FORTY KNOTS, SIR! ONCE WE GET OUT OF RANGE, WE'LL DIVE AND TAKE EVASIVE ACTION! LATER, WE'LL PENETRATE THE DESTROYER SCREEN AGAIN AND MAKE A DRY RUN ON THE FLAGSHIP--AND GET AWAY AGAIN!"



"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, CAPTAIN! MORE SUBS WILL BE ATOMIC-POWERED, CRUISERS AND CARRIERS TOO!"



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IN 1954, THE NAUTILUS WAS LAUNCHED. TOF SECURITY MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO INSURE AGAINST INFORMATION LEAKS...

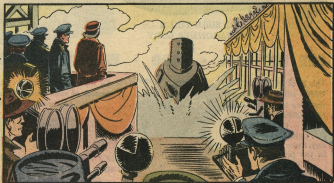
THE NAUTILUS IS READY, COMMANDER! SO MANY THINGS CAN GO WRONG -- THERE MAY EVEN BE AN ATTEMPT AT SABOTAGE!



I'M BETTING THERE WON'T BE, DOCTOR! THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY TRAINED FOR THIS JOB!



THERE WAS PUBLICITY WHEN NAUTILUS WAS LAUNCHED. NEWSREEL CAMERAMEN AND ACCREDITED REPORTERS COVERED THE EPOCHAL EVENT...



YAHOO! LOOK AT HER, CHIEF! SHE'S A BEAUTY!

YEAH, ONCE WE GET ABOARD, WE'LL WORK DAY AND NIGHT!



MONTHS OF WORK STILL LAY AHEAD -- BUT, FINALLY, SHE WAS READY FOR THE FIRST SHAKEDOWN CRUISE...



STAND BY TO SUBMERGE...



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ON THE SURFACE HER SPEED WAS FABULOUS -- AND, SHE COULD DINE DEEPER AND STAY LONGER THAN ANY SUBMARINE EVER BUILT...



SHE'S OUTRUNNING US -- WE'RE MAKING NEARLY FORTY KNOTS!

THE ATOMIC REACTOR HEATS WATER INTO SUPERHEATED STEAM -- THAT WATER IS USED TO HEAT OTHER WATER INTO THE STEAM THAT TURNS THE TURBINES! THE WATER IS THEN COOLED AND RE-HEATED TO BE USED AGAIN! WE USE ABOUT ONE POUND OF URANIUM A MONTH TO RUN NAUTILUS! WE NEVER HAVE TO PUT INTO PORT FOR REFUELING!



HOO CATS! THE SKIPPER WILL WANT TO SEE THIS IN A HURRY!



I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D TRY -- WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN HANDLE THIS JOB!

THAT MESSAGE TOLD THE CAPTAIN OF THE PRESENCE OF AN UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST! THE SUB ENVADED NAVAL VESSELS THAT CHALLENGED HER...



WE'RE EQUIPPED FOR FINDING AND DESTROYING SUBMERGED ENEMY SUBS! WE'LL SEE HOW THIS BANDIT STACKS UP!

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SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR ENDED, UN-IDENTIFIED SUBMARINES HAVE APPEARED TIME AFTER TIME NEAR OUR SHORES! THIS TIME, THE NAVY DECIDED, 'WE'D DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.'

NAUTILUS IS IN THE AREA NOW! WHAT CAN SHE DO, ADMIRAL? WE'RE NOT AT WAR!

THE CAPTAIN HAS HIS ORDERS! HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO!



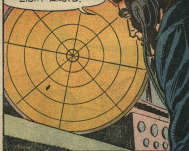
NAUTILUS CLOSED FAST...THE BANDIT SIGHTED NAUTILUS SHORTLY BEFORE NOON, AND...



HE WENT UNDER--GET BELOW! WE'RE GOING AFTER HIM!



I'VE GOT HIM, SIR! EIGHT HUNDRED YARDS, BEARING EIGHTY-ONE DEGREES, SPEED EIGHT KNOTS!



COURSE SEVENTY-FOUR, SPEED TWENTY! WE'LL DISCOURAGE THIS GUY IN A HURRY!



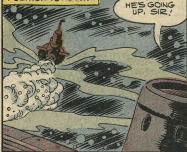
THE ENEMY SUBMARINE WENT DEEPER--NAUTILUS FOLLOWED HER DOWN...



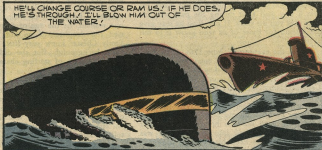
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NO DIRECT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THE INTRUDER... BUT NAUTILUS STAYED NEAR HER, ALWAYS CLOSE, ALWAYS IN A POSITION TO ACT...



ON THE SURFACE, THE UN-IDENTIFIED SUBMARINE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO EX-CHANGE RECOGNITION SIGNALS! AT FIRST, THE SUB HEADED CLOSER TO OUR SHORES! NAUTILUS, USED FULL POWER, AND...



HE'S TIRED OF PLAYING ROUGH WITH US! HE'S HEADED HOME! WE'LL TAG ALONG ANHILE TO MAKE SURE HE KEEPS GOING!



THE NAUTILUS WAS DESIGNED FOR UNDERWATER FIGHTING! RUSSIA HAS A HUGE SUB-MARINE FLEET... OUR SMALL, BUT GROWING, ATOMIC-POWERED SUB FLEET IS A GREATER POTENTIAL MENACE...

ON A REGULAR FLEET TYPE SUB, WE'D HAVE BEEN SENT HOME FOR REFUELING! HOW LONG CAN WE STAY UP HERE ON PATROL?



WITH THE EMERGENCY DEHYDRATED RATIONS, I'D SAY ABOUT A YEAR! WE CAN GO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND NO ONE WILL KNOW WE'RE THERE! IF TROUBLE COMES, WE'LL BE READY TO DISH IT OUT!



END

The One Man Fleet.

I am deeply indebted to Admiral Sir Walter Pottsbury, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth for this story. My paper sent me to England to cover a conference on the use of weapons. The armed forces of NATO had decided all to use the same kind of a rifle. The question was whether or not the different naval units would also decide to make some kind of similar change. When the conference was over, Admiral Sir Walter Pottsbury gave me an invitation.

"Tomorrow evening we have the annual celebration of the Naval Heroes of the British Navy. This one is restricted to the officers. It also happens to be the birthday of the man who probably has a unique position in our Navy. He was a one man fleet during the past war. He may give you his story. If not, then he may give permission for those of us who know it to tell it to you."

So on the evening of June 17th, 1957, I attended this affair. All the men present wore their naval uniforms. And they all had an ample supply of medals. The guest of honor was Captain Henry Wilson. I was prepared to see a big man, in a well pressed uniform, with plenty of medals, enter the banquet hall. To my utter surprise, an old man, a very old man who must have been in his late seventies or early eighties, walked into the hall. He was doing his best to keep his head up high. He wore what looked like a fisherman's outfit. But he had a naval cap with his insignia. He wore no medals, though I later learned, he was the possessor of more medals than any other person present. They all rose from their seats and saluted him. When he sat, they sat down. A big birthday cake in the form of a submarine was brought to the table. I was completely puzzled though I had a wonderful time. Later, Admiral Sir Walter Pottsbury presented me to the Captain with a request.

"We in Great Britain know of your wonderful deeds. Why not permit this American reporter to tell the story to his public?"

There was a tired look on the face of the old man as though he felt this might be his last reunion. So sadly he remarked,

"If you feel it should be told, then it will be."

Henry Wilson was not the son of fishing people on the English coast. His father was a small retail merchant in London. The son went to college and won honors in Latin and Greek. Then he became a tutor in those subjects at Oxford. For the next twenty years he lived in

academic halls. He did not pass the medical test during World War I and hence saw no active fighting. He became ill and the doctor gave him a short time to live. So he was retired on a pension.

"Ever hear about the Spartans?" he told the doctor. "They believed in the rugged outdoor life. Either it made or broke a man. So that's what I am going to try. What have I to lose? I want to live."

So at the age of forty, Henry Wilson went to a small fishing village, Ludenmire. He roomed with a fishing family and worked on a boat for three years. Then he purchased his own boat. It was small but rugged. He could operate it by himself or with the assistance of one seaman. At the age of forty five, he married the daughter of an old fishing family. Emily Chester knew very little about his previous background. But she did know he was an honest man of sterling character. They had one son.

Henry Wilson lived fairly comfortable for the pension helped out when the fishing season was below par. The boy, George Wilson loved the sea. At an early age he helped his father on the boat. Then came World War II.

"The Navy is the only place for me," he told his father.

The youth enlisted and was given a quick training. Then he sailed with others aboard a transport ship. That fatal night, the U-102, commanded by Captain Hans Treiter, went on the prowl. It was an overcast sky. Captain Hans Treiter tried something that made him the daring hero of the submarine division of the German navy. He sailed right inbetween the convoy. Then he surfaced and fired every torpedo he had aboard his craft. The damage was terrific. One who did not return was young George Wilson.

Henry Wilson took the blow but it left him a changed man.

"I want to get that submarine," he told his wife. "Capture every man aboard who helped to sink my son's ship."

Soon all Germany knew of the daring deed of Captain Hans Treiter. And allied counter agents learned of his identity. The public in Great Britain was thus told the story of this German submarine and her captain. Henry Wilson took his boat out and searched the waters. He had some idea he might use his nets and tangle the propellers of the undersea craft. On

his first day he made a haul. He came back with three magnetic mines that had been laid by German mine carrying submarines in the coastal waters around England. This gave the Naval Authorities a shock and also an idea. Their safety depended upon their merchant marine. Transports and cargo ships were essential if victory was to be won. But they needed every boat. It would be important to have mine sweepers.

So Henry Wilson found himself with a Naval Commission. It was a temporary one. For the duration of the war he was Captain of his boat. No problem of discipline — he had no crew! He learned how to spot the mines. And he was taught safety measures. However he also had to obey orders.

"You will have to carry a radio in your boat," he was told. "You may have an important communication to deliver to us. Also you will need some kind of armament."

The name of his boat was changed to THE SEARCHER. He carried a machine gun and an old 2-inch that could wreck a submarine at close quarters. Some of his nets were the standard fishing ones made from rope. He was also given a metal net because he insisted that he would capture a submarine. So to humor him, because of his excellent work, they got one from a factory in Shrewsbury and it was delivered aboard his boat. Also more powerful engines were installed. He was "capturing" more magnetic mines than any dozen of the larger boats put together.

One cloudy day he thought he saw a craft nearby. He deadened his motor and glided past. His mouth opened wide as he saw the conning tower of a submarine. He could distinguish the figure of the watch. He strained his eyes with his peep glass and saw the number: U-102. He managed to get his craft in back of the submarine. Then quickly he threw the metal net overboard and started to drag. Contact had been made with the propellers of the submarine.

The watch suddenly became alert to a danger. He started to go down but a well aimed shot from the machine gun on THE SEARCHER

prevented him and he fell down on the bridge. Captain Henry Wilson brought his craft close to the submarine. A hand went up to close the hatch. He fired a burst from his machine gun. His ears were keen. He could hear the motors of the submarine start. He aimed the 2-inch and fired six rounds. Water started to pour into the submarine. If the craft went down she would be a mess. Inside Captain Hans Treiter was thoroughly alarmed.

"The propellers are jammed," his engineer told him. "They must have some kind of an anti-submarine net around us."

"We will go up and fight," ordered the Captain.

Then he realized that fighting only had sense when victory was possible. So a white flag was pushed up and the Captain and three of his officers came up the hatch. Where were the many destroyers that had hemmed him in? There was only a lone fishing craft to be seen.

"Herr Captain, listen to me carefully," shouted Captain Henry Wilson. "Look at your submarine. You and your crew can be blown right up. If your radio operator tries anything, then you are all finished. And you can't touch me with your torpedoes. The concussion would set off those mines. So just stay there and tell your men below to relax."

Admiralty was at first puzzled by the radio message: "Have captured submarine. Send me some destroyers."

But they followed orders when Captain Henry Wilson explained matters thoroughly. The U-102 was towed to port. It was decided for matter of safety not to publicize the matter. Let the Germans worry and think that the English had figured out something new in trapping submarines. Come to think of it, they had! A one man fleet!

No wonder they couldn't give him enough medals and honors later. When Captain Treiter learned the identity of his captor and the motive, he was puzzled.

"He could have killed us but didn't. I guess he was what they call an English Gentleman."

— THE END —

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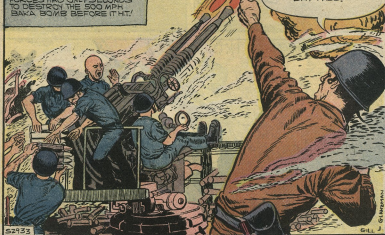
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THE JAPANESE BAKA BOMB

THE JAPANESE WERE FIGHTING BACK HOPELESSLY IN 1945! THEIR CLEVEREST, MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON WAS A GUIDED MISSILE, ROCKET-POWERED WITH A ONE TON WARHEAD! WITH A DOOMED KAMIKAZE PILOT AT THE CONTROLS, IT WAS RELEASED NEAR A TARGET -- AND OUR FORCES HAD ONLY SECONDS TO DESTROY THE 500 MPH BAKA BOMB BEFORE IT HIT!



GET THE SECOND ONE, TOO, CURRY, AND I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER TEN DAY PASS!



THE DESTROYER PERKINS HAD BEEN REFITTED AT PEARL HARBOR AND STEAMED EAST! THE CAPTAIN, EDGAR L. "SHORTY" EGSTROM WAS AN IMPATIENT MAN...

BUT, SHORTY, I MAY BURN OUT THE NEW BEARINGS!

IF YOU DON'T, WE MAY MISS THE REST OF THIS WAR! THE YAMAMOTO'S OUT THERE! I WANT TO BE IN ON THE KILL!



WE'VE GOT OUR ORDERS -- WE'RE ON ESCORT DUTY FOR THE AMPHIB ATTACK ON OKINAWA! IT'LL BE A CLAMBAKE -- I WANTED A FIGHT!



SUBMARINE ATTACK

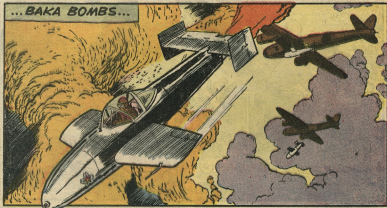
THE PERKINS JOINED THE CONVOY ON ITS WAY NORTH! ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN SHIPS WERE IN THAT CONVOY...



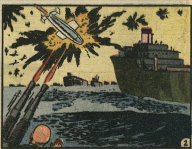
LATE THAT DAY, BEFORE THE CONVOY SIGHTED OKINAWA, THE JAPS SENT OVER THEIR FIRST SURPRISE...



...BAKA BOMBS...

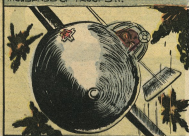


WATCH YOUR HEADS, DOWN THERE! HE'S BY ME -- TRAVELIN' FAST! I CAN'T GET A SHOT AT HIM.



SUBMARINE ATTACK

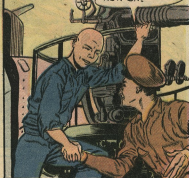
THE KAMIKAZE PILOT HAD LITTLE CHOICE -- HE HAD TO DIE ANYWAY, EITHER EXPLODING IN THE SEA OR ON A TARGET! THIS ONE WAS HEADED FOR A TRANSPORT CARRYING THOUSANDS OF TROOPS...



YOU GOT 'EM, CURRY!



NICE SHOOTING, CURRY! FOR THAT YOU GET A TEN DAY LEAVE AS SOON AS WE HIT THE STATES! THAT GOES FOR EVERY ONE WE GET FROM NOW ON!



THE ARMY AND THE II MARINE CORPS SMASHED INLAND! THEY HAD THEIR TROUBLES... BUT THE SHIPS OFFSHORE HAD TROUBLE TOO...

A BAKA HIT THE BATES! MAKE SURE ONE DOESN'T GET THROUGH TO US!



THAT'S TWO TEN DAY LEAVES I'VE GOT COMING!



SUBMARINE ATTACK

THE KAMIKAZE PILOTS WERE DYING RAPIDLY! BUT THEY WERE TAKING A HEAVY TOLL IN AMERICAN SHIPPING!



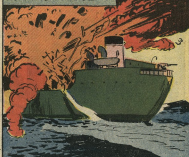
THE NAVY NEEDED AN ANSWER---AND THEY NEEDED IT FAST! THEY CAME UP WITH A 'PICKET LINE'---A RING OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT VESSELS AROUND THE VULNERABLE TRANSPORTS!

ACKNOWLEDGE THE MESSAGE, FLAG! WE'RE DESIGNATED AS FLAGSHIP OF THE PICKET LINE! IT'S UP TO US TO STOP THE BAKA BOMBS!

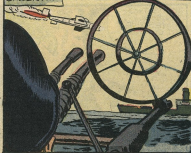


SIGNAL TO ALL SHIPS! HAVE MEN ON G.O. ALL TIMES! FEED THEM AT THEIR GUNS BUT KEEP THEM THERE!

SOME OF THE MISSILES GOT THROUGH! THE THOUSAND POUND WARHEADS WREAKED HORRIBLE DAMAGE...



BUT MOST OF THEM WERE DESTROYED IN THE AIR! THE TIRED GUNNERS DESTROYED THEM LIKE TARGETS IN A SHOOTING GALLERY...

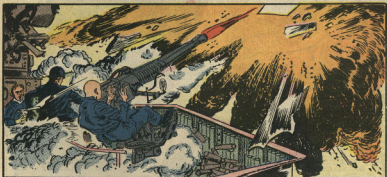
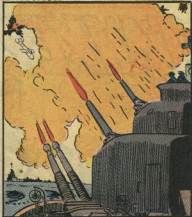
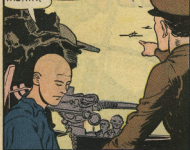


SUBMARINE ATTACK

THEY FOUGHT THROUGH APRIL, THEN MAY. HUNDREDS OF SHIPS HAD BEEN DAMAGED TERRIBLY...

WHEN I GET ALL THEM LEAVES, CAPTAIN, I'M GONNA SLEEP! I AIN'T SLEPT IN A MONTH!

IT CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER! HERE THEY COME AGAIN!



THAT WAS THE LAST OF THE BAKA BOMBS! BY JUNE, 1945, THE OKINAWA CAMPAIGN WAS OVER! AND MEN LIKE CURLY AND CAPTAIN EGSTROM COULD SLEEP...



LATER, ON THE TRIP HOME...

YOU'VE GOT HAIR ON YOUR HEAD, CURLY! NOW COME!

YOU OWE ME 110 DAY'S LEAVE, SIR! I AIM TO BE MY OLD HANDSOME SELF WHEN I STEP ASHORE, SIR!



END

TANKER TRAP



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IN FEBRUARY, 1942, THE U BOATS WERE SINKING OUR SHIPPING IN OUR OWN WATERS! OUR TANKERS ESPECIALLY, WERE EASY TARGETS! THEN, THE TANKER ETHEL CITY SAILED OUT OF GALESTON... THE U BOATS WERE WAITING!

CAPTAIN JOE KETTRIDGE, A MERCHANT MARINE SKIPPER, LOST HIS FIRST COMMAND IN 1941! THOUGH NOT AT WAR, WE HAD MANY SUCH LOSSES...



HE RESHIPED AND A FEW MONTHS LATER, DECEMBER, TWO DAYS AFTER PEARL HARBOR, LOST ANOTHER TANKER...

I'LL GET EVEN!
NEXT TIME I'LL
BE READY
FOR YOU!



SUBMARINE ATTACK

KETTRIDGE APPLIED AT THE NEW ORLEANS NAVAL COMMANDANT'S OFFICE. HE WAS COMMISSIONED A FULL LIEUTENANT AND...

YOU'LL BE ON ANTI-SUBMARINE DUTY. OF COURSE, MR. KETTRIDGE! DON'T, SIR! LOOK, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET ME LOOK FOR A SHIP...



LT. KETTRIDGE TALKED FAST--AND THE DESPERATE OFFICER AGREED...

YOU'LL HAVE THE SHIP MODIFIED TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS WITHIN A MONTH, LIEUTENANT! AND A CREW...

THANK YOU, SIR! IT'LL WORK. YOU'LL SEE!



A MONTH LATER, JOE KETTRIDGE WAS BACK ON THE BRIDGE OF A TANKER. HIS CREW LOOKED LIKE A CIVILIAN GANG BUT...

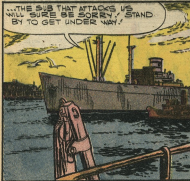
DON'T SAUTE, I'M CHIEF WATER MAN! WHAT IS IT? TENDER BOYNTON, SIR! THE FUEL IS ABOARD. SIR!



THIS IS THE CRAZIEST TANKER I EVER SAW, SIR! BELOW DECKS ARE FILLED WITH PINE LOGS! THE ENGINE ROOM IS ARMORED SO WE'RE GOING OUT TO GET TORPEDGES, CHIEF! WHEN WE DO... A TORPEDO CAN'T HURT US THERE! WHAT'S THE PITCH?



...THE SUB THAT ATTACKS US WILL SURE BE SORRY. STAND BY TO GET UNDER WAY!

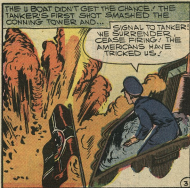
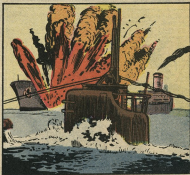
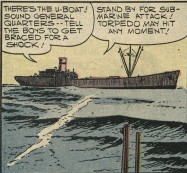


THE TANKER SAILED THAT AFTERNOON! THE NAZIS HAD THEIR USUAL SOURCE OF NEWS AT WORK...



SUBMARINE ATTACK

A BIG NAZI U-BOAT HAS SURFACED FIFTEEN MILES OUT... GETTING THE NEWS...



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SUBMARINE ATTACK

THE U-BOAT CREW WAS TAKEN ABOARD AND THE SUBMARINE SUNK! THERE HAD BEEN NO TIME FOR THE GERMANS TO BROADCAST A WARNING...

DAMAGE US TOO BADLY--AND MY DECK GUNS WILL HANDLE YOUR OTHER SUBS!



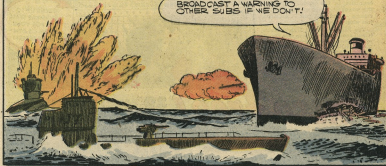
SUBMARINES, SIR, THREE OF THEM. I THINK!

THANKS! WE'LL MAINTAIN THE SAME COURSE AND SPEED! LET THEM CLOSE IN AND ATTACK!



TWO SUBMARINES LAUNCHED TORPEDOES SIMULTANEOUSLY! THE SHIP SHOOKERED AS THEY HIT... BUT IT STAYED AFLOAT...

FIRE! SINK THEM! THEY'LL BROADCAST A WARNING TO OTHER SUBS IF WE DON'T!



GET THROUGH WITH THE MESSAGE! WE MUST WARN THE HIGH COMMAND!



ON HER FIRST CRUISE, THE UNSINKABLE TANKER GOT THREE SUBS! LT. KETTRIDGE PUT IN AT NORFOLK FOR FUEL AND AMMUNITION...

THAT WAS A GREAT CRUISE, KETTRIDGE! WE'VE GOT ANOTHER JOB FOR YOU!

I HOPE IT'S NOT A TRANSFER FROM THIS SHIP, SIR!



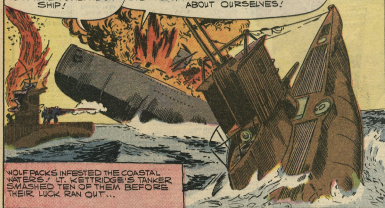
SUBMARINE ATTACK

"IT'S SIMILAR DUTY, KETTRIDGE," THE CAPTAIN ANSWERED, "BUT TOUGHER. I WANT YOU TO CLEAN UP OFFSHORE HERE! THE MERCHANT SEAMEN CALL IT TORPEDO JUNCTION..."



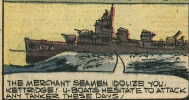
"WE'RE SINKING, S/R! WE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP!"

"HAVE THE DECK GUN DESTROY THE SECOND SUB FIRST, MISTER! THEN WE'LL WORRY ABOUT OURSELVES!"



WOLF PACKS INFESTED THE COASTAL WATERS. LT. KETTRIDGE'S TANKER SMASHED TEN OF THEM BEFORE THEIR LUCK RAN OUT...

THE ETHYL CITY'S CREW WAS TAKEN ABOARD A DESTROYER A HALF HOUR LATER! THE DESTROYER CAPTAIN WAS EAGER TO CONGRATULATE THE TANKER SKIPPER...



THE MERCHANT SEAMEN IDOLIZE YOU, KETTRIDGE! U-BOATS HESITATE TO ATTACK ANY TANKER THESE DAYS!

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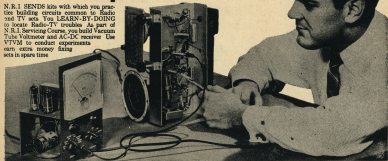
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